

Testimony of the Board of Veterinary Medicine

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, March 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229 and Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 561, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, TIFFANY HUMMEL
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2028**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kerrie Shahan, and I am the Executive Officer of the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Tiffany Hummel's appointment to the Board.

Dr. Hummel was appointed to an interim term on the Board in November 2024. She has attended both Board meetings held since her interim appointment.

Dr. Hummel is a 2010 graduate of Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and obtained her Hawaii veterinary license in 2018. Dr. Hummel practiced veterinary medicine in South Carolina and California prior to joining Hawaii Pets Veterinary Clinic on Oahu.

Dr. Hummel's commitment, interest in serving on the Board, and desire to contribute to the community make her a valuable member of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Hummel's appointment.

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Hawai'i Veterinary Medical Board

To whom it may concern,

My family has used Dr. Tiffany Hummel as our veterinarian for approximately six years. She has consistently provided our dogs with exceptional care, advice and support. Dr. Hummel's professionalism and bedside manner during our senior dog's two year battle with cancer was beyond estimation and provided great comfort during a difficult time. We feel fortunate to have her in our lives to provide continued exceptional care to our two new canine additions.

Sincerely,

Amy Bernie

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7 April 2025

To Whom It May Concern,
Aloha,

My name is Heather Topcik and I am submitting this personal testimony to the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine in regard to Dr. Tiffany Hummel.

I have had the honor and privilege of working with Dr. Hummel in a clinical setting for more than a year now, and her dedication to her profession is unmatched. She treats clients courteously and professionally, and speaks to them with compassion and understanding. Working with the public (and in general with individuals who may not understand medical processes or vernacular) can be challenging, and Dr. Hummel takes great care to ensure her clients understand the diagnosis or wellness care plans for their individual pet(s).

In addition to a professional clinical setting, I have also been able to see her work with rescued animals, non-profit organizations, personal fosters (her own and others), and even outreach with other groups associated with animal care and wellness. Her compassion for all Hawaii's animals and the people who care for them is genuine and truly appreciated.

The appointment of Dr. Tiffany Hummel to the Veterinary Board would be nothing short of an asset both to the Board itself and to the state of Hawaii. This appointment would support not only the veterinary profession as a whole, but also the Board, and the people of Hawaii as well. Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Heather M. Topcik

GM 561 - Tiffany L. Hummel, DVM
Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine

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I, Jessica T. Jang, an owner and chief veterinarian at Hawaii Pets Veterinary Clinic, is writing this letter to testify that Tiffany L. Hummel is a well-qualified professional to be a member of Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Hummel has been with us since the opening of the clinic back in 2020, as a loving and generous rescue foster, to this day as an well-established associate veterinarian. On a daily basis, Dr. Hummel ensures to provide superior medical care to our patients and education to our clients. Our clinic is unique in a way that we work very closely with a rescue organization on a daily basis. She is tired-lessly researching and setting guidelines/providing solutions for these animals' well-being/welfare, and always keeping in mind the overall impacts to our community.

Not only does Dr. Hummel cares for the animals and their owners, she plays a critical role in creating a non-toxic, safe, and welcoming working environment for employees as well - She genuinely cares about each individual staff member, and lightens everyone's day with her humor.

I have no doubt she would be a great addition to the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine who would elevate the standard of integrity, honor, and courtesy to the veterinary profession. She would always strive to protect the public from the unprofessional, improper, incompetent, and unlawful practice of veterinary medicine as well.

Thank you for your time in consideration for having Dr. Hummel as your committee member. Should you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully,



Jessica Jang, DVM (VE-989)

4/09/2025

Date